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Writing a third edition of a text provides some interesting opportunities. One opportunity is to make the text as up-to-date as possible. This text contains material on significant events through the fall of 1989. Most importantly, in terms of new material, we analyze and incorporate the 1988 election campaign and its results into our discussion of several topics. Material on the 1988 campaign is also found throughout the book.

Other important events and issues that have occurred in the past two years—the savings and loan crisis, the increasing inequality and salience of the debate over abortion rights, the changing standards of morality for public officials, homelessness, the growing gap between rich and poor and young and old—are also given substantial coverage.

Events in other parts of the world affect the workings of the American government. The new realities of the Cold War are also discussed.

